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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, TECH, ENRG, JA, CA  
SUBJECT: JAPAN/CANADA REQUEST FOR TRIPARTITE NUCLEAR MEETING

REF: OTTAWA 05515

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, SCICOUNS WAS CALLED TO MOFA BY KOHBAYASHI, DEPDIRGEN UN BUREAU, TO HEAR GOJ'S VIEWS ON FORTH-COMING TRILATERAL MEETING. KOHBAYASHI EXPRESSED MILD ANNOYANCE OVER MANNER IN WHICH DATES FOR MEETING WERE SET; ALTHOUGH GOC AND GOJ MUTUALLY AGREED IN VANCOUVER TO CONSULT USG, GOC AND USG AGREED ON DATES (6/27-28) AND THEN ADVISED GOJ OF THEM. GOJ RESPONDED THAT MOST OF ITS NUCLEAR EXPERTS WOULD BE TIED UP AT THAT TIME WITH JOINT US/JAPAN REPROCESSING STUDY, AND GOJ HAD NO SAFEGUARDS EXPERT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO SEND TO WASHINGTON. GOJ COUNTERPROPOSAL THAT TRILATERAL DISCUSSION BE HELD AT TIME OF NEXT MEETING OF SEVEN-NATION NUCLEAR STUDY GROUP. USG REACTION WAS ONE OF FLEXIBILITY BUT GOC WAS PERSISTENT ABOUT MEETING EARLIER. HOWEVER, FONMIN HATOYAMA INSTRUCTED STAFF THAT EXPERT SHOULD BE SENT "AT ANY COST," BASED ON RECOMMENDATION FROM GOJ WASHINGTON EMBASSY. PROPER PERSON NOW BEING SOUGHT.

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2. GOJ INTENDS TO RAISE SUBJECT OF DOUBLE SAFEGUARDS AT NEXT MEETING OF SEVEN-NATION GROUP IN ANY EVENT, AND HAS SENT CABLES TO ITS MISSIONS ABROAD TO THAT EFFECT.

3. KOHBAYASHI STATED THAT HE HAD PROTESTED TO GOC ABOUT HAVING TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF NUCLEAR AGREEMENT UNDER

DURESS OF CONTINUING URANIUM EMBARGO. HE ASKED EMBOFF TO SEEK USG COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM AND USG'S GOOD OFFICES WITH GOC IN REACHING SOLUTION. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT GOJ RELATIONS WITH CANADIAN NEGOTIATORS HAD BEEN EXCELLENT THROUGHOUT SEVERAL MEETINGS, BUT THAT EACH TIME A COMPROMISE WAS REACHED, IT WAS OVERTURNED AT HIGHER GOC POLITICAL LEVEL; CANADIAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO HAD MADE SOME WRY COMMENTS TO HIM ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE.

4. SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS ALSO CAME UP DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION, INCLUDING THAT PROPOSED BY AMEMBASSY OTTAWA (REFTEL). KOHBAYASHI'S REACTION WAS THAT JAPAN WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AND THAT WHILE IT WOULD RESULT IN GOJ HAVING TO ADHERE TO ONLY ONE SET OF CONTROLS, IT COULD MEAN THAT THE TIME REQUIRED BY GOC AND USG TO REACH AGREEMENT ON EACH EXPORT COULD PROVE TO BE EXCESSIVE. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED BY KOHBAYASHI WAS TO TRANSFER (ON PAPER AT LEAST) ENRICHED URANIUM BACK TO CANADA FROM US AND THEN HAVE CANADA BE THE EXPORTER OF THE FUEL. IT WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER THIS WOULD TRIGGER THE MB-10 PROCEDURE, SINCE THE TERMS OF THE US-CANADA BILATERAL WOULD THEN BE IN EFFECT AND THESE ARE UNKNOWN TO GOJ. ALSO THIS PROCEDURE WOULD APPEAR NOT TO CONFORM TO ERDA REQUIREMENTS FOR SALE OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES, BUT PERHAPS THIS IS ERRONEOUS CONCLUSION.

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